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REGION 7 NJCAA  
WOMEN'S DIVISION

As of Feb. 22, 1979

<u>Scorers</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
1. Mary Ann Boatwright	Shelby St.	26.7
2. Shirley Barnes	Utica	26.5
3. <del>Stephanie Dorsey</del> <i>Thomas, Esther ECSC</i>	Morristown	<del>21.8</del> 21.2
4. Becky Lee	Hinds	20.5
5. Debbie Dever	Elizabethtown	20.3
6. Betty Fykes	Vol. State	19.7
7. Sara Sally	Northwest	19.6'
8. Aljeanette Bramlett	Motlow	19.1
9. Jackie Suggett	Holmes	19.0
10. Regina Dillon	Hiwassee	18.9
11. <del>Ramona McCastle</del> <i>Jones, Charlotte</i>	Coahoma	<del>18.8</del>
12. Cynthia Lawhead	Walters St.	17.6
13. Tonya Gracy	Chatt. St.	17.5
14. Bernie Locke	Roane St.	17.3
15. Karen Myrick	Jones County	17.1
16. Dorothy Gentry	Vol. State	17.0
17. Kathy Holston	Hinds	16.6
18. Sandy Strunk	Chatt. St.	16.0
19. Jan Barber	Dyersburg	15.5
Susie Fudge	Coahoma	15.5
20. Tracy Walker	Cleveland St.	15.3
21. Vickie Lockett	Hinds	15.2

Rebounders

1. Renia Turner	Utica	20.4
2. <del>Stephanie Dorsey</del> <i>Jones, Charlotte ECSC</i>	Morristown	<del>16.9</del> 15.3
3. Jan Barber	Dyersburg	14.3
4. Shirley Barnes	Utica	13.8
5. Tonya Gracy	Chatt. St.	13.1
6. Sandy Strunk	Chatt. St.	13.0
7. <del>Betty Fykes</del> <i>Joyce Watkins ECSC</i>	Vol. St.	<del>12.4</del> 12.9
8. Sara Sally	Northwest	11.6
9. Teresa Duncan	Roane St.	10.8
10. Vickie Lockett	Hinds	10.7
11. Cynthia Lawhead	Walters St.	10.6
12. Laura Pullum	Walters St.	10.1
13. Denise Dunlap	Roane St.	9.8
14. Regina Dillon	Hiwassee	9.6
Kathy Holston	Hinds	9.6
Tracy McCaskill	Copiah-Lincoln	9.6
15. Alondray Rogers	Shelby St.	9.1



MISSISSIPPI JUNIOR COLLEGE STATE FINALS

WOMEN

EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE

Decatur, MS

February 21, 1979

Hinds (16 - 5) 2 South

Light Uniform

6:30 P.M. 74-65

February 22, 1979

North West

Dark Uniform

Northwest (16 - 4) 1 North

Dark Uniform

7:00 P.M.

63-63 Regulation  
79-71 final

East Central

East Central (17 - 7) 1 South

Light Uniform

8:15 P.M. 87-85

East Central

Light Uniform

Coahoma (22 - 4) 2 North

Dark Uniform

MISSISSIPPI JUNIOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
 South Division Women  
 East Central Junior College  
 Decatur, Mississippi  
 February 15, 16, 17, 1979

February 15

February 16

February 17

1 <u>Hinds</u> (Dark) 97-60	<u>Hinds</u> (Dark)	
8 <u>Pearl River</u> (Light)	74-71	<u>Hinds</u> (Dark)
4 <u>South-west</u> (Dark) 74-70	<u>South West</u> (Light)	
5 <u>Co-Lin</u> (Light)		83-81
2 <u>Gulf Coast</u> (Dark) 58-56	<u>Gulf coast</u> (Dark)	
7 <u>Jones</u> (Light)	64-52	<u>East Central</u> (Light)
3 <u>East Central</u> (Dark) 85-70	<u>East Central</u> (Light)	
6 <u>Utica</u> (Light)		<u>East Central</u>



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# East Central Slips By Jackson

By Wayne Kindness  
Sports Editor

Charlene Jones had 24 points to lead East Central Mississippi Junior College to a narrow, two-point victory over Jackson State Community College, 61-59, yesterday afternoon.

The victory advanced East Central to the Region VII women's junior college tournament semi-finals this evening at Roane State. East Central will take on Coahoma Junior College of

Mississippi at 6 p.m.

East Central had to overcome a seven-point halftime deficit, 38-31, to pull out the win.

The Jackson State Lady Generals had a balanced attack in the first half as seven players contributed to the scoring. Delora Avery's eight points was the high in the first half for Jackson State.

For East Central, Jones had 14 points in the first half and Esther Thomas had 11.

In the second half, East Central held Jackson State to just 21 points and overtook the west Tennesseans for the victory, 61-59.

In addition to Jones' 24 points, Thomas finished with 13 points and Joyce Watkins added ten.

Valarie Butler paced Jackson State with 14 points. Pam Avery was next with 11 points. Delora Avery and Carolyn Martin had ten points apiece.

East Central Mississippi (61): Esther Thomas 13, Bobbie Collier 8, Carla Halley 4, Faye Russell 2, Charlene Jones 24, Jo Lynn Elkins 0, Cheryl Gibbon 0, Faye Quinn 0, Joyce Watkins 10, Kathy Keeton

0, Mona Tucker 0.  
Jackson State (59): Pam Avery 11, Wilhelmina Peet 6, Carolyn Martin 10, Delora Avery 10, Vanass Chism 2, Brenda Caldwell 6, Phyllis McCadney 0, Amy Jones 0, Valarie Butler 14.

**Tallies 32 Points**

Page 10, Today's News-Record, Friday, March 2, 1979



## ECJC Sweeps Pair From Southwest

DECATUR — The East Central Junior College Warriors took two games from Southwest Junior College here Monday night winning the boys game 106-102 and taking an 87-84 decision in the girls contest.

The Warriors were led by Jim Duce with 42 points, Billy Patrick with 28, and Phil Sheppard with 14.

Southwest was led by John Watson with 37, and Robert Gamble with 16.

The Lady Warriors were led by Esther Thomas with 31 and Charlene Jones with 21. Southwest was led by Donna Ash with 27 and Cynchita with 20.

The Warriors are now 5-4 overall and 2-0 in conference play while the girls are now 5-2 and 2-0.

The Warriors next action is Thursday night when they host the Gulf Coast Bulldogs.





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We were behind you at state, we are behind you  
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salute Coach Woods and the Miss. Jr. College Champs. Have  
a good game. If you listen you can hear us cheering  
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CITY — STATE & ZIP CODE *Harrison, TN*

*We are cheering for your success at the regionals.  
We salute Ms Woods and each of you. Our best wishes  
are with you. We know you will succeed.*

*Signed: Decatur Jaycees &  
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# Ball After Fight Northwest JC Fires Kilpatrick,

By BERNARD FERNANDEZ  
Daily News Sports Writer

Northwest Mississippi Junior College coaches A.J. Kilpatrick and George Ball have been suspended until the expiration of their contracts, at which time they will be dismissed, as the result of a altercation at a women's basketball game.

The incident occurred on Feb. 22 during Northwest's close loss to the outstanding East Central of Des Moines in the championship contest of the Mississippi Junior College Conference women's basketball tournament.

During the trophy presentation, Kilpatrick, the assistant men's basketball

coach, made a remark to Kilpatrick, the athletic director and head football coach. Kilpatrick reacted by grabbing Ball and a scuffle ensued between the two men as stunned spectators looked on.

An ad hoc committee of five Northwest faculty members was appointed by Northwest President Henry B. Koon to investigate the matter. Their recommendation, to suspend both men with pay and then not to renew their contracts, was accepted.

Ball's contract expires May 8 and Kilpatrick's expires June 30. Both men have been at Northwest for four years.

"The entire incident has been blown completely out of propor-

tion," says Kilpatrick, 47, whose record at NWJC compiled a 25-13-1 cumulative record in football, including a 6-3-1 mark in 1978. "Certainly it was nothing to warrant the dismissal of two coaches."

"There was some pushing and shoving, yes, but it wasn't a fight. It was more of a scuffle. There were a few licks passed."

The 27-year-old Ball, who became the first black athlete to play at Ole Miss when he joined the freshman basketball team in 1971, disagrees.

"A.J. lost his head and started throwing punches," says Ball. "Several people were hit, including my wife."

Sources within the athletic de-

partment indicated the altercation was the outgrowth of a lengthy dispute between the two men that began in 1975, the first year both were employed at the school.

Kilpatrick reportedly asked Ball to comply with grooming regulations he had instituted by shaving his mustache and sideburns. Ball refused.

"It had to do with the color of my skin," says Ball. "None of the other members of the coaching staff (who, at the time, all were white) were asked to shave because none wore mustaches or sideburns. The regulations were racially motivated and aimed specifically at me."

"I resent the implication that the differences between Coach Ball and

why would I call off spring football practice and drive 150 or 160 miles to be there (at the women's basketball game where the incident occurred)?" says Kilpatrick. "Does that sound like somebody that doesn't care?"

Reports of what prompted the altercation vary. Both Kilpatrick and Ball agree that it followed a remark made by Ball, although each has a different account of what happened.

"I said, 'Coach, it sure is a shame neither one of us could win the state championship (referring to the fact Northwestern had lost the men's basketball title a week earlier),' " says Ball. "A.J. got mad and

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asked, 'What did you say?' I could tell he was upset so I started to move away from him."

"Then he grabbed my arm and started pulling me around. I tried to get clear and a couple of people stepped in to intervene. Then he started throwing punches."

"A.J. went berserk," adds Ruth Ball, who claims she was punched by Kilpatrick as she stepped between the two men. "Coolidge was trying to go about his business and A.J. kept pushing him, trying to start something."

Kilpatrick tells a different version.

"He said something to the effect, 'I guess you're glad we got beat,'" says Kilpatrick. "For him to stand there and accuse me of something like that... well, it angered me. I did grab him arm. But, like I said, I didn't throw any punches."

"This entire incident has caused irreparable damage to my career. I intend to remain in coaching, but right now I don't have any job offers. It's just terrible that something like this can harm the good reputation I've built up over 25 years."

Ball says he's been contacted by several other schools that have coaching vacancies, but he says he's not sure if he wants to remain in the profession.

"I can make a lot more money as a sign painter," says Ball, who has his own shop in Senatobia. "I don't know if it's worth the aggravation to stay in coaching."





First row: left to right - Faye Russell, Esther Thomas, Jo Lynn Elkins, Bobby Collier  
 Second row: Skippy Latham, Mgr., Carla Hailey, Cheryl Gibbon, Joyce Watkins, Faye Quinn  
 Third row: Lucille Wood, Coach, Kathy Keeton, Irma Johnson, Charlene Jones, Mona Tucker, Iris Smith, Mgr.

## EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER 1978-79

East Central Junior College is located at Decatur, Mississippi. The

college serves five counties: Leake, Winston, Scott, Newton and Neshoba.

The current enrollment includes about 750 full-time students.

Dr. Charles V. Wright has been president since 1966. It is one of the oldest junior colleges in the state, this year being the 50th Anniversary.

NO	NAME	CLASS	HEIGHT	HIGH SCHOOL	COACH
12	Ester Thomas	Fresh.	5'2"	Louisville	Allan Goodin
13	Bobbie Collier	Fresh.	5'5"	South Leake	Robert Dorman
14	Velma Smith	Fresh.	5'7"	Union	Mike Noblett
15	Carla Hailey	Soph.	5'9"	Morton	Ray Riley
21	Faye Russell	Fresh.	5'5"	Union	Mike Noblett
22	Charlene Jones	Soph.	6'1"	Forest	Haywood Reeves
23	Jo Lynn Elkins	Fresh.	5'5"	Morton	Ray Riley
24	Cheryl Gibbon	Fresh.	5'8"	Hickory	Richard Harris
25	Faye Quinn	Fresh.	5'8"	Noxapater	Johnny Pair
30	Joyce Watkins	Fresh.	5'8"	Lake	Bernie Kirkland
31	Kathy Keeton	Soph.	5'11"	Morton	Ray Riley
32	Mona Tucker	Fresh.	5'10"	Forest	Haywood Reeves
33	Irma D. Johnson	Soph.	6'2"	Scott Central	Sammy Pace

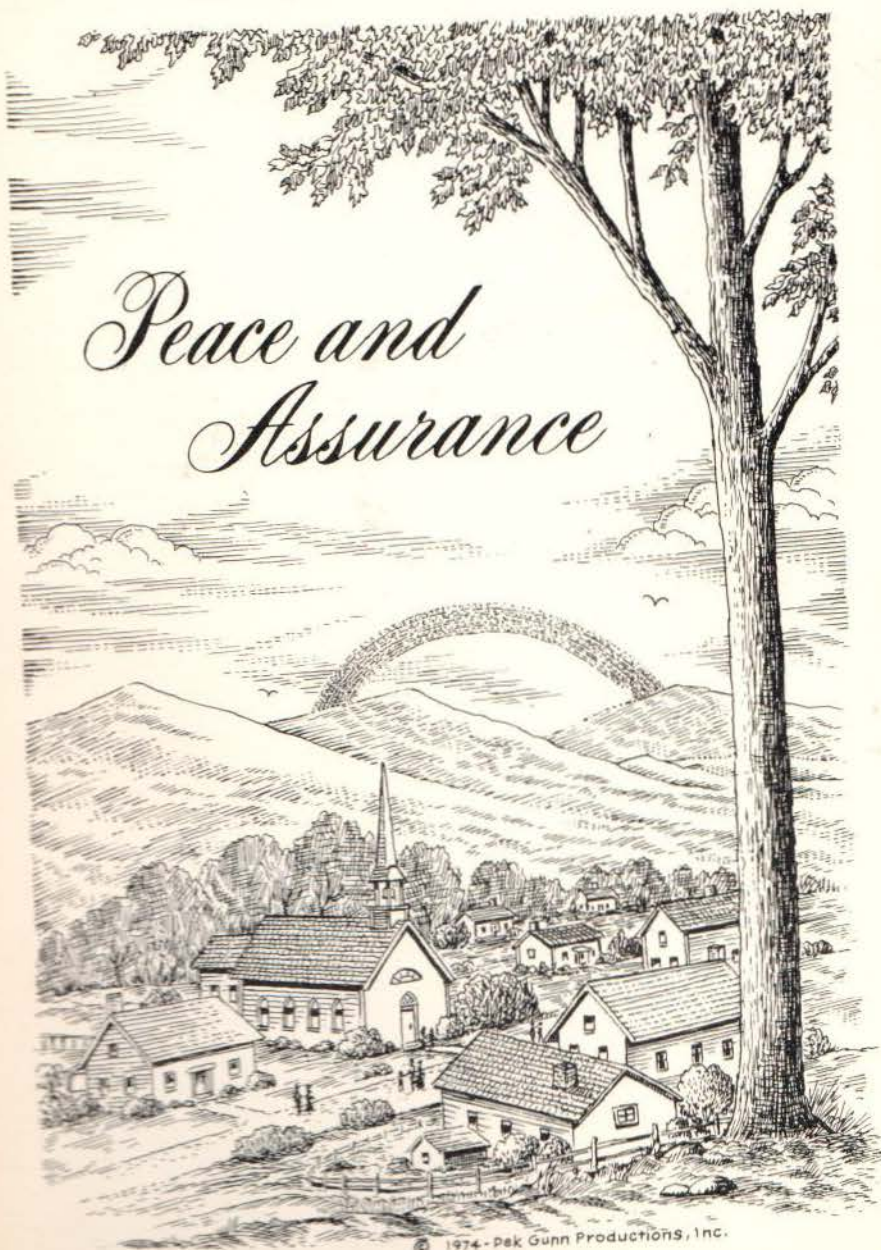
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 Jo Ann Darby - Freshman - South Leake

Coach: Lucille Wood

President: Dr. Charles V. Wright



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# **ECJC Lady Warriors Headed To Region VII Tourney**

**By: Lois Cooper**

Miss Lucille Wood's East Central Junior College Warriorettes captured the Mississippi Junior College Association Womens Basketball Championship last Thursday night in the ECJC gym. The Warriorettes defeated Northwest Junior College 79-71 to take the crown.

Winning is nothing new for Miss

Wood, as she has racked up an outstanding record for herself in the basketball coaching field. Miss Wood has been coaching 24 years at ECJC, and her overall record this year of 19-7 indicative of how her past years have been.

Last Wednesday night, East Central Junior College defeated nationally ranked Coahoma in the opening round of the Junior College

state tournament by 87-85.

The Warriorettes were led by Ester Thomas with 24, while Charlene Jones added 22; Bobbie Collier and Joyce Watkins had 11 each. Thomas and Collier had 50 pts. between them in Thursday night's action.

Miss Wood and her Lady Warriors are now bound for the Region VII tournament in Tenn.



# East Central Girls Whip Coahoma In State Playoff

By GUY COWART  
Star Correspondent

DECATUR — Ester Thomas sank a 10-foot jumper with five seconds left to spark the East Central Junior College Lady Warriors to a stunning 87-85

upset over nationally ranked Coahoma in the opening round of the Junior College state tournament here Wednesday night.

In other tournament action, the Northwest Lady Rangers downed Hinds 74-65.

The game was nip-and-tuck the entire way as both teams played excellent basketball. East Central had their chances to put the game away but Coahoma wouldn't go down without a flight.

The first half was a scoring duel as the two teams set a blistering pace. With East Central on top 16-15 with 12:20 left in the first, the Lady Warriors outscored Coahoma 11-1 to take a 27-16 lead.

But Coahoma came back behind the inside play of Romona McCastle to deadlock the score at 47-47 by the half.

The pace slowed down a little in the second half, but East Central gradually built up a 75-65 lead with 6:27 left. But Coahoma came back.

Coahoma cut the gap to 77-73 with 3:49 left and East Central's Bobbie Collier, who had played brilliantly all night, picked up her fifth foul.

Without Collier, the Lady Warriors had trouble breaking the press and Coahoma knotted the score at 83-83 on a basket by Chan Crockett.

Jo Lynn Elkins was good on a jumper to give East Central a 85-83 lead, but Coahoma tied it up again on yet another basket by Crockett with just 23 seconds left.

East Central then held the ball and set up Thomas' winning shot.

The Lady Warriors were led by Thomas with 24, while Charlene Jones added 22, Collier 16, and Joyce Watkins 11.

Coahoma was led by McCastle's 22, and Crockett with 18.

East Central will meet Northwest for the State Junior College title at 7:00 tonight.



# ECJC Women Capture State Crown In OT

By AUSTIN BISHOP

DECATUR — The Mississippi Junior College Association Womens Basketball Champion was crowned last night.

It wasn't EMJC. It wasn't Soahoma.

It was East Central Junior College. You know, that's the place in Decatur. You know, Decatur is between Newton and Union. You know ECJC is about 30 miles west of Meridian.

Now everybody knows.

Bobbie Collier and Esther Thomas combined for 50 points as ECJC defeated Northwest Junior College 79-71. With East Central leading 63-59 with two minutes to go in regulation the Northwest Lady Ranger press started to take its toll.

With 1:35 left in regulation LaJuana Bates gathered in an alley-oop pass and layed the ball in to cut the ECJC lead to 63-61. Judy Eddington scooped up a loose ball and raced down the court for a lay-up to knot the score at 63-all.

ECJC looked like they would get the last shot. The warriorettes took a shot with about 10 seconds left, missed,

and almost lost the game. Eddington brought the ball down the court for the Lady rangers and put up a 25-footer with five seconds left. The shot looked good all the way, but proved to be off its mark and the Warriorettes pulled in the ball to insure overtime.

Collier thought the shot by Eddington was going to go in, ending ECJC's hopes for a state championship. "I just thought that was it," said the freshman guard, "I just thought it was in there." Collier wasn't the only Warriorette who thought Eddington was going to make the basket. Thomas had some bad feelings too. "I was just hoping she would miss. I was just praying she would miss," said the guard from Louisville.

ECJC scored just three seconds into the overtime, when Thomas sank a 10-foot banker to give the Warriorettes a 65-63 lead with 4:57 left to play.

Rena Jones retaliated for Northwest with a jumper to tie the score. After a swap of baskets EC reeled off six straight points to take an uncatchable 73-67 lead.

Down the stretch Collier twice hit both ends of a one-and-one, while adding two more freebies and a bucket to her overtime totals.

The win pushes ECJC to 19-7 overall and dropped Northwest to 17-5.

"We didn't play as well as we have been playing lately," said ECJC Head Coach Lucille Wood. The 24th year coach was pleased with the fan support from the ECJC student body. "I think it was the support that gave us the encouragement to go on and win," said the Warriorette head mentor.

The fans were important in the contest. The onlookers in the student section got to their feet just a couple of minutes into the contest and didn't take a seat until they got home. Everytime anything happened the fans reacted. Whether it was a foul, turnover, good pass, nice shot, poor shot, or blocked shot, it didn't matter.

Thomas give the fan support a lot of credit also. "That (the support) made us feel like we had a lot behind us. I don't know what we would have done without it."

The next step for ECJC is the Region VII tournament in Tennessee.

Carla Halley scored 14 points for the winners while Sara Sally notched 17 for the losers and Eddington added 16.

Bates popped in 15 for Northwest while Jones hit for 11.

## S. Miss. 86, MC 84

### SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI (86)

DeDeaux 13-55, Jones 10-02, Faulk 11-13, 1635, Porciello 10-02, Hutto 10-22, Lyons 11-8-12 30, Milstead 1 0-0 2, McCoy 2 0-0 4, Vaughn 04-44, Totals 29-28-30-86.

### MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE (84)

Rieger 22-36, Pope 9-1-19, Sessums 10-0 2, Rogers 3-3-5-9, Edwards 5-2-3-12, Bridgman 12-2-3-26, Bello 0-2-2-2, Griffin 1-0-0 2, McKee 0-0-0-0, Walsh 0-0-0-0, Cox 2-2-2-6, Totals 35-14-19-84.

Halftime: Southern Mississippi 44, Mississippi College 36. Total fouls: Mississippi College 31, Southern Mississippi 22. Fouled out: Pope, Edwards, Bello, Cox. Technicals: MC Coach Smith.



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI VS. JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY  
January 27, 5:30 p.m., Green Coliseum

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

No.	Name	Position	Height	Class	Hometown
10	Sharron Bozeman	Guard	5-3	Freshman	Hazlehurst, MS
12	Pamela McDonald	Guard-Forward	6-0	Freshman	Madden, MS
13	Mary Fuller	Forward-Guard	5-6	Junior	Hazlehurst, MS
14	Jeanette Barnes <i>ECSC</i>	Guard	5-7	Senior	Carthage, MS
15	Yo-Linda Harris	Guard	5-9	Freshman	Magnolia, MS
20	Maudean Marks	Forward	5-10	Freshman	Tylerman, MS
21	Lamonia Bowen	Guard	5-2	Freshman	New Orleans, LA
23	Bertha Hardy	Forward-Center	5-11	Senior	Mendenhall, MS
24	Evelyn Bender <i>ECSC</i>	Guard	5-5	Senior	Lawrence, MS
25	Karen Powell	Guard	5-6	Freshman	Ackerman, MS
30	Patricia Fuller	Forward-Guard	5-10	Sophomore	Hazlehurst, MS
31	Gina Thorns	Center	6-0	Freshman	Atlanta, GA
32	Darlene Richardson	Forward	5-9	Freshman	Jackson, MS
33	Patricia Jones	Center-Forward	5-10	Junior	Lauderdale, MS
34	Brunella Graves	Center-Forward	6-1	Senior	Mount Olive, MS
41	Sandra Carradine	Guard	5-7	Freshman	Wisner, LA

Head Coach: Sadie Magee  
Asst. Coach: James Turner

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

No.	Name	Position	Height	Class	Hometown
10	Annette Smith	Forward	5-10	Sophomore	Lumberton, MS
11	Kim DeDeaux	Guard	5-8	Junior	Hancock, MS
12	Shirley Jones	Guard	5-3	Sophomore	Laurel, MS
14	Nancy Faulk	Center	6-0	Sophomore	Lyman, MS
15	Laura Porciello	Forward	5-8	Senior	Petal, MS
20	Brenda Hutto	Guard	5-4	Senior	Waynesboro, MS
21	Diana Lyons <i>ECSC</i>	Center	6-1	Senior	Philidelphia, MS
22	Camella McGowan	Forward	5-8	Freshman	Angie, LA
23	Sheila Milstead	Guard	5-3	Junior	Hattiesburg, MS
24	Pam McCoy <i>ECSC</i>	Center	6-0	Sophomore	Philidelphia, MS
25	Vianne Giddens	Forward	5-9	Freshman	Jackson, MS
32	Pam Vaughn	Center	6-3	Freshman	Taylorville, MS
33	Stacie Foster	Guard	5-7	Freshman	Denham Springs, LA

Head Coach: Kay James  
Graduate Assistant: Polly Kirkland

Upcoming Home Games for the Lady Golden Eagles

January 29 Alabama-Birmingham 5:30  
February 3 Mississippi University for Women 7:30



# South Doesn't Rise In JC All-Star Game

GOODMAN — Without noticeable fanfare or attendance, the second annual Mississippi Junior College Association All-Star basketball games emerged as the second annual North All-Stars victory romps.

If the South ever is to rise again in this JC Star basketreering, it must first rise, period. And that has not happened yet.

The Monday frays here at Holmes Junior College's Frank Branch Gymnasium started onesidedly and never got much better. The South women killed, 104-58, and then the South men mangled, 101-54.

Both followed similar scripts. The North teams were much quicker and decidedly superior shooters, so much so that it became hard to believe the South teams fully merited designation as All-Stars. Somehow, the South teams looked like the punching-bag opposition

By LEE BAKER



Daily News  
Sports  
editor

carted around by the Harlem Globetrotters.

This was especially true in the women's game. Ere five minutes passed, the North was up, 11-2. Soon it was 19-4 and finally at midpoint the first half, 30-13. The crowd, had there been one, could have begun edging towards the exits.

The Coahoma JC inside-outside combination of Chan Crockett and

Ramona McCastle made it a massacre by scoring 16 and 12 points, respectively, as the North led, 52-31, at halftime.

Charlene Jones of East Central with 15 first-half points was the lone bright spot for the South.

And after those first 20 minutes, the 6-1 Jones never scored again, an inexplicable development bringing post-game theories that either: 1.) she simply had tired out or 2.) just didn't want to do any better in order to keep recruiters from pestering her because marriage, not senior college basketball, ranks No. 1 in her order of immediate future priorities.

Whatever the reason, it made little difference as the North women poured through another 52 second-half points compared to the South's 27.

McCastle, a 5-7 guided missile from the flatlands, was overshadowed by her husky teammate Crockett in the scoring, 29-16, but mere pointmaking wasn't enough to confuse the most valuable player selectors from knowing the North's Star of Stars. Jones, even with only half a game of point making, was the South MVP.

Then the lads thundered on, like something left over from the filming of *The Warriors*. By halftime, the North was in command, 43-36, with things never to get much better.

Take away Hinds county's contributions for the South and the consequences would have been too horrible to contemplate. Hinds JC's Junior Simmons had 21 and Danny Lewis (the South MVP) 20 points to lead the losers with Utica's John

McGriggs at 10 the South's only other double figure scorer.

William Wood of East Mississippi, MVP for the North, poked in 23, Don Scott of Coahoma 21 and Rick-ey Everette of Holmes 19 to give the victors a three-way major assault that made winning a breeze for the Yanks.

All-Star games hardly can be cited as proving anything, being essentially a benefit for senior college recruiters (who were abundantly on hand), much as the pro baseball Midsummer Classic dominated so long by the National League shows little carryover in October at World Series time, yet the first two years of this JC affair have been so onesided that pride surely will stir the South into more frenzied future efforts to catch up.



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Carla and Charlene will be members of the South All-Star Team which will meet the team from the North on the 19th.





**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD**—The Most Valuable Player Award in Mississippi Junior College action for the year went to East Central Junior College's Renee Willis, a former All-Stater and Mississippi All-Star from Neshoba Central High School at Philadelphia. She is pictured with ECJC coach Lucille Wood of Louisville, who coached the team to the Women's Junior College State Championship by defeating Holmes 47-43.





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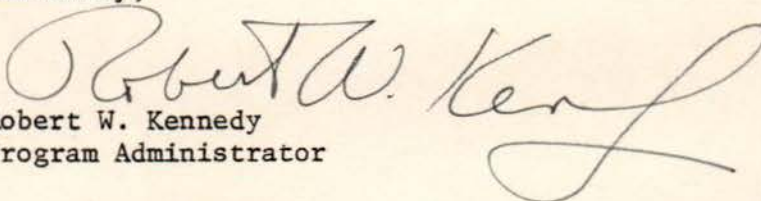
Dear Ms. Wood:

Enclosed please find the final ballot for the 1979 STAYFREE Coach of the Year Award on the Junior - Community College level; a list of the final nominees; and a return envelope for your ballot. Please vote for the one coach on this list that you feel deserves to win this year's award.

For a final ballot to be valid, it must be signed and postmarked no later than March 15; also, it must be received by Block and Levey Accounting Firm no later than March 22, 1979.

Thank you again for your support and cooperation these past few months!

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ECJC Girls Basketball Team  
Miss Lucille Wood  
ECJC  
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Miss Wood and Girls

My employees and I would like to congratulate you on your win Wednesday night over Cohoma, and on your defeat Thursday night of Northwest for the State Championship. We realize that alot of hard work--by both the coach and the players--attributed to those spectacular wins.

We wish you the best of luck as you travel to Tennessee for the tournament next week. Even though we are still here in Decatur, we send our support with you. Again, let me commend you for representing East Central and Decatur so well--both with your sportsmanship and with your Championship title.

Best of luck



Thomas H. Wheeler



# ECJC Women In Semis

HARRIMAN, Tenn. — East Central Junior College's women advanced to the semifinals of the Region Seven National Junior College Athletic Association tournament here at Rome State College, but the East Mississippi Lionettes weren't as fortunate.

ECJC's Joyce Watkins scored with two seconds left on the clock to give the Warriorettes a 61-59 win over Jackson (Tenn.) State Community College. EMJC fell to the No. 1 team in Tennessee, Shelby State, 94-78.

Charlene Jones paced East Central with 24 points, while Ester Thomas added 13 and Watkins 10. Valerie Butler and Carolyn Martin had 12 each and Pam Avery added 11 and

Delora Avery 10 for Jackson State.

ECJC trailed 38-31 at the half.

East Mississippi was led by Deborah Stancil with 17 points, while Kay Pierce added 15, Allie Simonds 13, Rita Higginbotham and Annie Cross 12 each. Mary Boatwright had 32, Shirley Walton 22 and Annette Jones 14 for Shelby.

EMJC was behind 46-37 at the half.

East Central plays Coahoma tonight at 6.

ECJC (61) — Ester Thomas 13, Bobbie Collier 8, Carla Holley 4, Faye Russell 2, Charlene Jones 24, JoAnn Elkins 0, Faye Quinn 0, Joyce Watkins 10, Kathy Keaton 0, Mona Tucker 0. Totals 26-9-61. Fouls 15.

JACKSON (59) — Pam Avery 11, Wilhelmina Peete 6, Carolyn Martin 12, Delora Avery 10, Vanessa Chism 2, Brenda Caldwell 6, Valerie Butler 12. Totals 21-17-59. Fouls 20.



Esther Thomas

## Thomas paces ECJC

Paced by Louisville's Esther Thomas, East Central Junior College knocked off Hinds 83-81 Saturday night to capture the South Division Junior College Basketball Tournament title and advance to the overall state event to be held this week.

Thomas had 23 points against Hinds and she is also the second leading scorer in the state and third in the region comprised of Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky.

ECJC bested Utica 85-70 and Gulf Coast 64-52 on the way to the finals against

(See Thomas, P2A)

## ★ Thomas

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Hinds.

ECJC now has a 17-7 record they will be carrying into the overall tournament against Coahoma Wednesday at 8:15 p.m.

If ECJC, coached by Lucille Wood of Louisville, is successful in the tournament they will advance to the regional tourney to be held in Harriman, Tenn., on March 28.

With the victory, also came the right to host the overall state tournament. Finals in the tournament will be held Thursday night at Decatur.



# Congratulations!

Congratulations, Warriorettes!

The East Central Junior College women captured the Mississippi Junior College championship Thursday night in Decatur with a 79-71 overtime victory over Northwest Junior College.

It marked the fourth straight year the Lucille Wood-coached Warriorettes have played in the tournament. ECJC won the title in 1976, was runnerup in 1977, and finished third last season.

The Warriorettes, 19-7 this year, advance to the Region Seven tournament this week at Rome State College in Hiram, Tenn.

Good Luck.

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## East Central Ladies Win

DECATUR (UPI) — Esther Thomas tossed in 23 points and Bobbie Collier added 20 to spark East Central to a 83-81 victory over Hinds in the championship game of the women's south division junior college basketball tournament Saturday night.

East Central, behind at the half 49-38, put on a second half comeback to notch the win. Both East Central and Hinds will now battle northern division junior college teams next week for the state championship. East Central outscored Hinds 19-14 in the last six minutes in defeating Hinds.

In addition to Collier and Thomas, East Central got double figure scoring from Charlene Jones with 18, Joyce Watkins with 12 and Carla Halley 10.

Hinds was led by Kathy Holston's 25 points and Becky Lee's 20.



# ECJC Women Keeping State Tourney Habit

By AUSTIN BISHOP

DECATUR — Lucille Wood is not John Wooden. But then who is?

Wood is, however, the 24th year Head Women's Basketball Coach of East Central Junior College. Since 1966 her squads have won 135 contests and lost 60 for a percentage of better than 67 percent.

Women's junior college basketball wasn't sanctioned by the Junior College Association until 1974. Today and tomorrow the sixth state Tournament for the junior college women will be held on the East Central campus.

It is the fourth time in a row that Wood has led a Warriorette squad into the state wars. The first trip for ECJC turned out to be the best, for in 1976 the Warriorettes won the State Championship. In 1977 they dropped to second and in 1978 third place was their destiny. If things keep going in a logical order it would seem that fourth place would find ECJC as its occupant. However, don't bet anything you want to keep on it.

East Central would like nothing more than to walk away with its second State Championship. The Warriorettes have one big thing going for them, the home court advantage. However, Coach Wood isn't so sure how much it will help.

One of the major factories that helps the ECJC recruiting is that girls are easier to recruit for a junior college than boys. "Girls like to stay closer to home," said Wood. "I contact most of the players through their coaches. I don't knock down anybody's door. I try to see every team in my area (Winston, Newton, Leake, Neshoba and Scott counties) play before the year is out whether they have any prospect

or not."

Wood tries to be there when the team needs her, but does not try to play sister or mother to anybody. "I don't follow them (her players) everywhere they go. They don't have to worry about looking over their shoulders and seeing me following them. I trust them completely. They know when they have a game. They know better than staying out all night before a game. Studies are important to her. I don't want my players studying basketball during history and I don't want them studying history during basketball practice.

Wood believes that being too emotional hurts more than it helps. "We don't jump up and down and holler and carry on before a game like some of these other teams. We are calm and collected. We know there is a job to be done and we do it."

ECJC has trailed in almost every contest, including the seven they lost. The Warriorettes like to play catch-up ball. Wood thinks if the ladies were more emotional they wouldn't have won as many close games.

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you're from. ECJC) East Central has to play possibly the best team in the state in the first round of the state tournament.

ECJC defeated Hinds to claim the South State title, while at the same time Northwest defeated Coahoma (then the No. 2 team in the nation) to claim the north title. Now by winning North the South, ECJC plays Coahoma. "We would have been better off if we would have lost," she said.

ECJC plays at 8:15 tonight while the Hinds-Northwest contest begins at 6:30. Tomorrow night's championship begins at 7.

This year's starting five is three-fifths Scott County natives. Carla Halley played at Morton, while Charlene Jones played for Forest, and Joyce Watkins played for Lake. Esther Thomas of Louisville and Bobbie Collier of South Leake are the other two starters.

Wood believes her team is hard to defense. "We have no stars," said Wood. "Someone else takes charge every game."

ECJC had better play their best game of the year tonight or they may be watching the final tomorrow night.





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starting 5  
South & state champs

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**Miss ECJC**

**Halley**



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# A Tribute To A Winner

Behind every winning there are good players. But when a team is victorious year after year with a constant turnover of players, a great deal of credit must go to the coach who can mold winners.

Miss Lucille Wood, Coach of the 1979 State Champion Warriorettes, is such a coach. For the last four years, East Central has advanced to the state tournaments. For the second time in four years, East Central has captured the victor's trophy.

Since basketball was begun on a limited basis in 1966, Miss Wood's teams have achieved a 141-61 record. Included in this record are four state championships and four trips to regional tournaments.

What is the secret of Miss Wood's consistent winning? Recruiting is surely one of the keys to that success. In the five county area in East Central's jurisdiction, there is some good girls' basketball and area players are introduced to the ECJC campus early in the junior high basketball camps. But that is true of many junior colleges. Miss Wood told a MERIDIAN STAR reporter about her recruiting: "I contact most players through their coaches. I don't knock down anybody's door. I try to see every team in the area play before the year is out, whether they have any prospects or not." Miss Wood uses only area girls. She sees what material is in her area and forms her teams around the players available. She doesn't bemoan the fact that there are few really big schools in the area or that she hasn't enough out of state players.

Miss Wood does not believe in being too emotional. In her interview with the MERIDIAN STAR, she pointed out that her Warriorettes "don't jump up and down and holler and carry on before a game like some of the other teams. We are calm, she says. "We know that there is a job to do and we do it."

This calm collectedness has carried the team through the season. The Warriorettes have had to come from behind in almost every game they have played. When a team is behind and keeps on plugging until they pull the game out--this shows good coaching.

Miss Woods keeps on helping her women to victory after they leave East Central. Today, four former East Central Warriorettes are on starting lineups of senior colleges. Diana Lyons, a senior at Southern, is the team's leading scorer. Pam Lee McCoy is another starter for Southern with a 15 point average. Evelyn "Snoopy" Bender and Jeanette Barnes are starters for Jackson State. Coaches from senior institutions know when they get a girl who has been coached by Miss Wood that she will be ready to play.

Miss Wood has won recognition for her coaching. Last year she served as coach of the first Junior College All-Star Game, and she was among the twenty-two finalist in the nation for Junior College Coach of the Year.

She deserves the sincere congratulation of every student and faculty member for bringing the 1979 Women's Basketball Championship home to East Central.



By beating Hinds 83 - 81...

# EC girls win Juco State title

by Rita Gayle Smith

From a 14-7 record, to a South-State Championship, all the way to a State Championship. That's what East Central girls' basketball team has done in the past couple of weeks.

First of all, EC hosted the South-State Tournament and defeated Utica the first night, 85-70. The next night EC downed Gulf Coast, 67-52. Saturday night's action found EC stunning Hinds Junior College 83-81, and winning the South State Championship.

Since EC won the championship and Hinds finished as the runner-up to South State, both teams advanced to the state finals, also held at EC.

In the first game of the State finals, Hinds played the North State Champs, Northwest, and East Central was pitted against the nationally ranked Coahoma.

The EC and Coahoma game was nip-and-tuck the entire way as both teams played excellent basketball. Both teams fought hard all night.

With 12:20 left in the first half, East Central led 16-15. The Lady Warriors then got fired up and pulled ahead of Coahoma 27-16. But then, Coahoma pulled back together and tied the score 47-47, at the half.

The Warriorettes came back the second half and raised the score 75-65, EC's favor. Like any good team, Coahoma never gave up and fought back to tie the score 83-83 with around 2 minutes left in the game.

A basket was made for EC by Jo Lynn Elkins and raised the score to 85-83, but then Coahoma shot for 2 and tied it 85-85 with 23 seconds left.

When EC got the ball again, Esther Thomas sank a 10-foot jump shot in the last 5 seconds and ended the game for EC with an upset victory over Coahoma, 87-85.

The leading scorers for the Warriorettes were Esther Thomas with 24 points, Charlene Jones with 22, Bobbie Collier with 16 and Joyce Watkins with 11.

The next night, EC was pitted against Northwest for the Mississippi Junior College Women's Basketball Championship.

The entire game was a hard fought battle for both teams. Northwest took the lead at first and stayed ahead almost all of

the time. Close to the end, the Warriorettes fought to catch up and held a 63-59 lead with 2 minutes of regulation time left.

With a couple of baskets from Northwest, the score was tied again at 63-63. East Central got the ball with 13 seconds left, shot for a basket, but missed.

Everyone thought the game was over for EC when Judy Eddington shot a 25-footer for

Northwest with 5 seconds left, but the ball did not go in, so the time ran out with a tie.

When they went into overtime, East Central scored after only 3 seconds by a shot from Esther Thomas. Northwest came back and tied the score 65-65. Each team exchanged baskets, but then the Lady Warriors hit for six straight points to take a 73-67 lead. The game ended with East

Central winning the championship 79-71.

East Central was well represented with fans from all over the state. The gym was packed full of people cheering for one of the teams. The cheering crowd gave the EC girls an incentive to win. It's always easier to win when they know they have people behind them all the way.



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Welcome to the Mississippi Junior College Women's State Basketball Tournament. It is our pleasure to host this event. The four teams represented in this tournament have earned their privilege to participate by being in the finals in their respective divisions. The skill that brought them to this final tournament is the result of hard play, excellent training, and the desire to win.

It is our hope that as a spectator you can join us in enjoying the sport as these young ladies strive to win. We hope you enjoy your visit with us as you see Junior College Women's Basketball at its best.

Charles V. Wright  
President



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Welcome to the South Division Women's Basketball Tournament and East Central Junior College. The teams representing the eight junior colleges of the South Division have spent many hours in practice and game play. Therefore, it is our desire that you assist each team as they demonstrate their skills and talents.

If you are a visitor we hope you enjoy your visit with us and to all we say welcome, relax, and enjoy a tournament of good play.

Charles V. Wright, President  
East Central Junior College



Mississippi Junior College  
Women's South Division Tournament  
East Central  
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East Central  
Hinds  
Utica  
Co-Lin  
Southwest  
Pearl River  
Gulf Coast  
Jones





# Miss Wood is named "Coach of the Year"

by Rita Gayle Smith

After leading her team to the 1979 state championship, Miss Lucille Wood was named "Coach of the Year" by the Mississippi Association of Coaches.

Coach Wood attended East Central Junior College after graduation from Louisville High School. She graduated from EC and then went on to the University of Southern Mississippi.

After receiving her degree at Southern, Coach Wood started coaching at East Central in 1956. In 1956, ECJC was not yet an organized team, but played in club type ball. The team was organized in 1968, then it joined the Mississippi Junior College

Association in 1975.

During this period, Coach Wood's teams won the state championship in 1968, 1970, and 1973 as a club team, and in 1976 and 1979, as a member of the Mississippi Junior College Association.

Her teams won second place in 1977 and 3rd place in 1978. They also attended regionals in 1973, 1977, 1978, and 1979.

Along with coaching basketball, Miss Wood was the tennis coach from 1956 until two years ago. She still teaches a tennis class two days a week, along with her other classes.

Coach Wood will be honored at a banquet in July, during the All-Star week.

## Wood, Robinson head Coaches Association

As of the 28th of March, the two EC basketball coaches were honored by being named President of the Basketball Association of Junior Colleges in Mississippi.

Coach Lucille Wood was chosen as president of the Women's Association and Coach Herman Robinson was chosen as President of the Men's Association for the 1979-1980 year.

Both of these coaches have been on the State Basketball Executive Committee for several years.

## Charlene Jones is All-Star MVP

East Central's women's basketball team has proved itself to be the best women's junior college team in the state. Many people contributed to the team's success, and the members of the team received great recognition. Capturing top honors, was Miss Charlene Jones, of Forest.

Miss Jones, a six feet and one inch Sophomore, was chosen as All Star Player. To be an All Star Player, one must be a Sophomore, and she must also have a very good ability of playing basketball. Charlene, having great performance on the basketball court, was also chosen

"Most Valuable Player" in the All Star game.

Miss Jones is very modest about the honor she has won. When asked how does it make her feel to have been chosen as All Star Player, she simply said, "I feel it an honor that the coaches of the state picked me as an outstanding player."

Although she had less experience last year, Charlene's Freshman year was a favorable one for her. She was chosen for All Region Seven, and the All Region Seven Tournament. Charlene was also chosen as an All State member.

During Charlene's Sophomore year, she came back and won a lot of the honors that she had in her freshman year, and was "number one pick" in All State tournament, says Coach Lucille Wood.

Charlene will not be transferring to another college; therefore, she will not be playing basketball. Charlene is majoring in intensive business, and hopes to get a secretarial job in Forest. Planning her wedding for the latter part of August will take up a lot of Charlene's time, but she says she will work out so that she can keep in shape.





Faye Quinn Noxapater  
 Joyce Watkins - Lake  
 Smith - Union  
 Mona Tucker - Forest



Mona Tucker  
 Forest



# WOMEN'S 1978-79 ALL-STAR

## North Division

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HTS.</u>	<u>AVG.</u>	<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u>COACH</u>
34	Robin Roberts. . . . .	5'8"	14.2.	Itawamba. . .	Billy Todd
25	Gail Parker. . . . .	5'7"	9.5.	Holmes. . . .	Sheila Sullivan
14	Teresa Cooper. . . . .	5'7"	15.0.	Meridian. . .	Liz Duncan
31	Dixie Wiltshire. . . .	5'10"	10.4.	Northeast. . .	Jim Lamb
24	Kay Pierce . . . . .	5'8"	12.5.	East Miss. . .	Richard Mathis
20	Lajuana Bates. . . . .	6'0"	15.0.	Northwest. . .	Harry Adair
44	Chan Crockett. . . . .	5'11"	15.4.	Coahoma . . .	Ella Stampley
45	Ramona McCastle. . . .	5'7"	19.5.	Coahoma . . .	Ella Stampley
35	Renee Jones. . . . .	5'8"	9.5.	Northwest. . .	Harry Adair
33	Shirley Hall . . . . .	6'0"	13.2.	Coahoma . . .	Ella Stampley
10	Rita Higgingbotham . .	5'6"	8.0.	East Miss. . .	Richard Mathis

Coaches - Richard Mathis, East Mississippi  
Ella Stampley, Coahoma

## South Division

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HTS.</u>	<u>AVG.</u>	<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u>COACH</u>
44	Mary Howard . . . . .	6'0"	5.4.	Jones . . . . .	Mickey Rivers
23	Nena Brister. . . . .	5'8"	12.0.	Co-Lin. . . . .	Sharon Sims
45	Cheryl France . . . . .	5'8"	13.0.	Perkinson . . .	Sue Ross
43	Charlene Jones. . . . .	6'1"	17.4.	East Central. .	Lucille Wood
25	Myrna Reynolds. . . . .	5'5"	10.0.	Southwest . . .	Jenny Ladner
22	Patsy Sones . . . . .	5'0"	10.0.	Pearl River . .	Fred Roane
24	Shirley Barnes. . . . .	5'7"	28.0.	Utica . . . . .	Mary Robbins
35	Becky Lee . . . . .	5'7"	22.1.	Hinds . . . . .	Frankie Walsh
32	Rene Turner . . . . .	5'9"	14.0.	Utica . . . . .	Mary Robbins
31	Carla Halley. . . . .	5'9"	11.0.	East Central. .	Lucille Wood
33	Tracy Crosby. . . . .	5'5"	5.0.	Hinds . . . . .	Frankie Walsh

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Fred Roane, Pearl River